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THE EXPOSITION OPEN.

SET GOING BY THE PRESIDENT.

The Ceremony Delayed Until After Three—A Pleasant Day and Large Crowds—President's Address.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 16.—The day was clear and pleasant, and nothing was left undone to make the opening ceremonies brilliant and imposing. Never before have the streets of the city been so crowded with people as this morning. Already the hotels are full and great difficulty is experienced in securing good quarters. The buildings along the principal streets are profusely decorated. Flags, banners,unting of all colors and decorative designs have been tastefully arranged along the house fronts, while at many of the more prominent street corners triumphal arches have been erected. While the building is not entirely completed, and while one-half of the exhibits are not yet arranged, still as much progress has already been made as at any international exposition on an opening day. The management used every endeavor to push the work as fast as possible, and the delay has been rather the fault of exhibitors than of officials. Everything was in readiness for the former, but they simply did not take advantage of it. Great delay, however, was caused by the blockade of railroads. Many hundreds of cars of exhibits have not yet reached the grounds, the jam being especially heavy on the Illinois Central and Louisville & Nashville roads. These cars will be brought in rapidly, and by the time the holidays are over everything will be in complete order. In the main building one-third of the space is, as yet, unoccupied, but exhibitors are putting up their platforms rapidly. These displays, complete, represent ever conceivable article manufactured, from a needle to the mammoth Harris Corlies engine. All displays are tasty, many are elegant and rich. The space for foreign exhibits in this building is almost entirely vacant. This is caused by the right enforcement of the customs regulations. Over a thousand tons of goods of the loom are lying in bonded warehouses or aboard ships, although the management has used every endeavor to secure a modification of customs rules and the usual formalities attending entry in ports, and although they were seconded by customs officials here, and the Treasury Department at Washington seemed willing to make some concessions, only last night, Collector Badger received an order from Secretary McCulloch to allow articles intended for exhibit to be sent to the grounds immediately, without their being disturbed in any way. A bond will be required on small articles of great value, which will be given by the Exposition management. Under this order all foreign exhibits will be immediately sent to the grounds in bonded barges, rapidly arranged in the departments. A large number of arrivals from Europe will not reach here until the arrival of the steamer Great Eastern, which sails from London Friday. These latter are expected only last night, and in January. By far the largest and most interesting foreign exhibit will be that from Mexico. Their building, has just been completed, a fact caused by the delay in the iron work at Pittsburg. In the government building there seems to have been an unreasonable delay on the part of the commissioners and owners. The United States exhibit is a magnificent one, but it is not yet complete. The Smithsonian Institution and Geological Department is well advanced, and very little more can be added to them. Almost every animal of prehistoric times, and of the present day, is seen in the former space, from the mammoth that occupies a large portion of the gallery to the smallest fish. The Patent Office is represented by thousands of models. The State department is constructing a large glass globe to represent the world in miniature, both from the inside and the exterior. This will be transparent so that one standing within will have a bird's-eye view of the entire globe, its commerce, its population, etc. The navy department had a very creditable exhibit, though not yet complete. Here are seen models of every class of vessels, and defensive and offensive armaments. A large portion of this space is filled by articles brought back from the Arctic regions by the Greely party. These attracted more attention than any other single exhibit. Among them were suits worn by the men, sledges, sleeping bags and canvas cases for provisions, with the sail-baiter, the dog harness, and some of the state exhibits are complete, some in embryo state and others not begun. The Ohio building is beautifully constructed. A sky-blue bobbinet, interspersed with stars, produces an exceedingly fine effect, the domes being an exact picture of the heavens as mirrored in a sheet of water. Louisiana and Mississippi, perhaps, show the most resources. The mineral display from the Western and Pacific coast States could not be finer or more complete. The finest and most picturesque display in the building is that of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad. In a large hall are piled up sheaves of grain, with ornaments of corn in the ear, is every vegetable raised in the vast section of country through which the road passes. The art gallery was not completed in time to admit of hanging the pictures, which, however, are at the gallery, and will be put up in a week. The art collection is said to be exceedingly fine, containing the gems of the best artists. Connoisseurs declare that it will equal any ever exhibited. Horticultural Hall is a garden of Eden. Every flower, seed and plant of the tropic and temperate zone is seen. It was never expected that such a stream of visitors would set in until after the holidays, and the attendance to-day was exceedingly gratifying. Fully twenty thousand attended the ceremonies in the main building, and many thousands more were scattered about the grounds. Several lines of cars and steamboats conveyed the crowd to and from the grounds with much less crowding than was anticipated. It is generally admitted, however, that accommodations are not yet sufficient, and by the middle of January a double-track road with large passenger coaches will be ready for the public. Visitors to-day showed no disappointment at the uncompleted state of work, but, on the contrary, those who attended the opening of the Centennial expressed surprise at the progress made and the smoothness with which things were conducted. They say in two weeks the Exposition will be what the management claimed, the grandest international fair ever held. The greeting of Major Burke, director general, by the vast audience, was spontaneous, hearty and long-continued. He had to pause ten minutes before the applause subsided, and it was a fitting tribute to the man who has worked eighteen hours a day for six months, to make the affair a success, attending to every detail of work.

AT WASHINGTON.

President Arthur a Successful Telegraph Operator.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—The telegraph instrument with which President Arthur opened the New Orleans Exposition was placed in the east room

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AMUSEMENTS.

"Romany Rye" Again—Attractions for the Balance of the Week.

A small audience saw the second production of "Romany Rye" at Powers' last night. The scenery moved smoothly, and some improvement was noticeable in the acting, though on the whole THE TELEGRAM sees no reason to change the opinion of the play as expressed in yesterday's issue.

"The Planter's Wife."

This play, which may be seen at Redmond's to-morrow night for the first time in this city, should attract a fine audience. The play and the company are well spoken of by the press in the larger cities. The following is clipped from the Cincinnati Enquirer:

The story is good, and its fine dramatic construction is so well done that one finds his attention taken from the rising of the curtain, and held to the close—for not until the final climax, is disclosed the full depth of the plot, and there is no chance of guessing with any degree of certainty as to the finale of the story, which is something unusual in our later-day plays. The entire company was far above the average. The play and company made a hit, and should be the recipient of full houses throughout the engagement.

Sets may be selected at Friedrich Bros.

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THE MILLARD CASE.

MORE EXPERT TESTIMONY GIVEN.

Dr. Duffield on the Stand all Day—Makes Some Interesting Replies to Hypothetical Questions.

Dr. Duffield resumed the stand in the Millard case yesterday morning. In reply to the question "if he were to find arsenic in a body 105 days after it had been buried, if he could tell whether it was taken before or after death," he stated, after an objection by Mr. Marston had been overruled, that he could not determine by analysis whether the arsenic was administered before or after death. In reply to a long hypothetical question, propounded by Mr. Davis, of the prosecution, which upon the objection of Mr. Marston, charging the omission of important facts had to be revised, the witness replied, in his opinion, that the symptoms as stated in the hypothetical question, indicated poisoning either by arsenic or antimony. Mr. Mitchell then read a long hypothetical question, the same almost as that used by Mr. Davis, and it was objected to, and the objection sustained by the Court. The Court then took a recess until 2 o'clock.

Afternoon Session.

Dr. Duffield continued—It would change my opinion to some extent if the questions were changed; I depend on all the questions; I have my opinion upon a group of questions; a burning pain in stomach, diarrhoea with blood; burning pain in the throat, with stiff contraction in the muscles of the throat; a puffiness of the eyelids; nervousness and restlessness; vomiting and diarrhoea continuously; I want all of this group to form a clear and definite opinion as to whether she died of arsenical poisoning; a poisonous dose of arsenic would produce an irritable, inflamed condition of the stomach; arsenic would be indicated as present from fifteen minutes to three or four hours; the first symptoms would be prostration and vomiting and a feeling of weakness; as soon as the stomach became irritable thirst would come; the next symptom would be purging; the next symptom would be nervousness and a loss of vital power; if the dose was not fatal it would take from sixteen to twenty days to eliminate arsenic from the body; a hot burning pain in the throat is a result of arsenic. It would take several days before puffiness of the eyes would occur; the poisonous impression which is made upon the nerves produces nervousness; the restlessness is a result of the nervousness; certainly should find indications of arsenical poisoning, and if death the intestines would be red and extended; the other symptoms not mentioned in the group would not necessarily indicate the presence of arsenic; they are not essential to a physician in forming his opinion; the symptoms of arsenic had not indicated any pernicious fever; in pernicious fever we do not have burning thirst or burning in the stomach; nor do we have diarrhoea; pernicious fever develops in July and August.

Cross-examined—Have not prepared for examination in this question; did not assist in forming the hypothetical questions asked me; do not remember the exact date when these symptoms showed themselves; the arsenic as I noticed the symptoms of arsenic poisoning I began to form my opinion; prior to May first, if I remember rightly, there was no purging; prior to this time I can not remember the symptoms; prior to this time the symptoms did not indicate arsenic poisoning; the minor symptoms did not indicate arsenic poisoning; if any